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Officers of Carnegie's Steel Company Bring on a Conflict.

THEY WERE TO BE CAPTURED

A Fusillade Lasting Over Twelve Hours Followed by Surrender.

THE PRISONERS BADLY TREATED.

The Wounded and Dying Hired Slayers Finally Taken to Pittsburg—Many Killed on Both Sides—The Strikers are Now Armed With First Class Winchester Rifles and Plenty of Ammunition, Captured from the Pinkertons—The Detectives Fired the First Shot—The Course of the Company in Sending the Armed Force and Inciting the Strikers to Fury Universally Condemned in Pittsburg—The Sheriff Calls for Aid A Rumor that More Pinkertons Have Been Sent—Graphic Descriptions of the Scenes of a Terrible Day.

PITTSBURG, July 6.—Pittsburg has had another experience with labor riots and this time, as during the fearful scenes which were witnessed during the railroad riots of 1877, blood has been shed, life jeopardized and valuable property placed in danger. This time there was no destruction of property, but the mob was thoroughly well organized, well disciplined and had efficient officers at the head to conduct the operations. The force embraced all the men employed in the extensive plants of the Carnegie Iron and Steel company at Homestead, some eight miles east of Pittsburg, and a battle which for bloodthirstiness and boldness of execution has not been excelled in warfare, waged from 4 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock this afternoon and only ceased when the force of Pinkertons, brought to the place to suppress the strike, unconditionally surrendered their arms this evening on the barges on which they had been transported to the works.

HOW IT STARTED.

The riot to-day was the culmination of the troubles which have been brewing at Homestead for the past month. The Carnegie company submitted a scale to govern their employes in the steel plant and announced that it was their ultimatum. The scale made a sweeping reduction in wages of skilled men and it was officially announced that unless the terms were complied with before July 1 the places of the workmen would be filled by others. This was followed by a peremptory refusal on the part of the company to recognize the Amalgamated Association of Steel and Iron Workers as such or to confer with any committee of the workmen short of an acceptance of the terms offered. The men stated they would never submit to the proposed reduction and announced their determination to resist any effort on the part of the Carnegie company to start up their plants with non-union men. As both sides were determined, both proceeded to prepare for the contest which culminated in such deeds of violence and bloodshed that were witnessed to-day in the big hive of industry on the Monongahela.

The contest was precipitated by the workmen at Homestead by hanging H. C. Frick, president of the company, in effigy and in retaliation the company ordered an immediate shutdown of the big works two days before the time provided by the contract under which the men were working. The employees at once proceeded to organize for the defensive and the company erected a high board fence around the entire works, giving them the appearance of an immense stockade, the sides being pierced with port holes. Yesterday the Carnegie company announced their intention to proceed to make repairs and the officials asked the sheriff to appoint deputies to protect their property.

The sheriff sent a small squad of men up to the works, but the strikers assembled in force and notified them to get out of town as no disorder was intended and that no damage would be done to any property. They even offered to be sworn in as deputies and to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as conservators of the peace. When this offer was declined the advisory committee which has held the turbulent spirits among the workmen in check, was immediately dissolved and all the records of the committee promptly destroyed.

THE PINKERTONS INTRODUCED.

The development to-day showed that the applications made for assistance of the sheriff was merely for the purpose of covering what was intended to be a coup de main on the part of the Carnegie company, in clandestine introduction of a body of Pinkerton's detectives into the mill inclosure. The detectives had been rendezvoused some five or six miles below the city on the Ohio river at which two barges had been prepared for them. The heads of the barges were filled with bunks, cooking arrangements and other accommodations and as an extra precaution, as if in preparation for the siege to which they were subjected to-day, were lined with heavy steel plates on the inside while the whole back deck was protected in a similar manner. It was the intention that the men should reach the works about 3 o'clock this morning but the guards which were on duty along the river got word of the threatened invasion of the hated Pinkerton men and prepared to receive them. The barges were towed up the river by a boat, but long before the Pinkerton men reached Homestead, thousands of strikers had gathered on the banks of the river ready to give them a warm welcome. When the boats attempted to land the workmen broke through the fence surrounding the mill and entrenching themselves behind piled-up steel billets, prepared to resist the landing of the detectives.

The Pinkertons opened fire and at the first volley two workmen fell. This enraged the crowd and they bore down upon the Pinkertons with resistless force. Nobody stopped to enquire whether the new comers were deputy sheriffs, Pinkerton detectives or non-union laborers. After the exchange of shots the crowd grouped on the bank, fell back and climbed over the heap of rubbish, rushed towards the big trestle leading to the railroad bridge. Here over 3000 men stood their ground and returned a desultory fire with their revolvers at the invaders. These shots did little or no apparent damage, and the plucky band finding their weapons ineffective, slowly fell back before the withering fire of the Winchesters. The first shot of the engagement came from the barge. It was aimed at a big Hungarian who stood at the water's edge. The ball went wide of the human target, but it was the signal to the Pinkerton men to begin, and, for a full ten minutes they continued to fire. The first man to fall was Martin Merry, a heater in one of the mills. He was shot in the left side and fell face downward on a pile of ashes. Close beside Merry stood a big Hungarian. He stooped over Merry's prostrate body, and as he was in the act of raising him he staggered, and an instant after fell by the side of his comrade. The shots of the strikers were also well aimed as four Pinkertons are reported dangerously wounded.

This bloody spectacle roused the drooping spirits of the crowd and with a hoarse cheer a half dozen men rushed to the place where Merry and the Hungarian lay. They picked up the bodies and carried them behind the trestle. One of the rescuers, a Westmanland who refused to give his name, was shot in the left leg just as he raised Merry's head from the ground. The doctor announced that both men would probably die. Five more of the strikers were wounded.

Fighting between the Pinkerton forces and the workmen was renewed shortly after 7 o'clock and the battle continued for fully a half hour. The second conflict was precipitated when another effort was made by the Pinkerton men to effect a landing. A number of workmen were injured in the second encounter.

For hours the crowds of workmen behind the barricades of structural iron within the walls watched the barges, with guns cocked, waiting for a head to appear. Down in the boats, sweltering and with hearts filled with fear, lay the 270 Pinkerton guards. The sun was beating down on the barges and the air within them must have been stifling, for an opening was not to be thought of, as it would only attract a storm of bullets from the angry men outside. The suffering of the wounded in the boats must have been awful, not to speak of the others, and as the sun grew hot the sound of an axe at work within the boat told the crowd that the Pinkerton guards were making desperate chances to prevent suffocation. Soon a hole was cut through and a moment later it was made twice as large from the bullets from the shore. One man was wounded and no further attempts were made to secure ventilation. Death in a stifling atmosphere was better, the Pinkertons thought, than from the guns of the mob.

As soon as day broke the strikers secured a small brass ten-pounder cannon and planted it within the steel-built embrasure so as to command the barges which were moored at the river bank. At the same time the force of 1000 men took up a position on the opposite side of the river and also planted a cannon which they protected with a breast work of railroad ties. The fire from both sides was kept up, the barges having been pierced. Shortly before 9 o'clock the cannons were turned on the boats and for several hours an awful bombardment was kept up. The stout oaken timbers forming the sides of the boat were splintered, but the heavy steel plates on the inside prevented the balls from penetrating the interior. Many of the strikers, however, were expert marksmen and they sent shot after shot into the port holes of the barge and inflicted terrible injury to the imprisoned men.

A sorts of plans were tried to fire the boats. A hand fire engine owned by the steel company was broken out of its shed and connected with a big oil tank. The oil was pumped down into the river and burning waste was thrown after it. This did not do and the stores with overstocks of fourth of July fireworks were drawn upon, rockets, Roman candles and blue lights were used, but without effect. The oil was of the lubricating kind and not as inflammable as other grades. But if the mill men had succeeded, an appalling fate must have been in store for the Pinkerton men. To save themselves from death in the river they would have had to face the relentless mob and the escape of any of them alive would almost have been beyond hope.

Seeing their efforts were of no avail the steelworkers rested.

Hugh O'Donnell seized an American flag, mounted a pile of iron and soon had the attention of the 2000 maddened men, who were shouting for blood. He began to calmly discuss the situation and to caution the men to move slowly. His words were received with cheers, and finding he had the crowd with him he suggested that a truce be arranged until the arrival of the sheriff. He said a white flag should be carried to the bank, and he was going to explain his plan further when a howl arose from a thousand throats. "Show the white flag? Never," was the cry. "They shot at one flag this morning and if there is any white flag to be shown it must fly from the boats." "What will we do then?" asked O'Donnell. "We will hold them in the boats until the sheriff comes and we will have warrants sworn out for every man for murder. The sheriff will then have to take them in charge," said one man, and shouts of approval rent the air.

Seeing that this was the desire of the men, O'Donnell stepped down and went to work to keep them to that and prevent further conflict if possible. While the meeting was in progress in the mill another was being held by the beleaguered ones in the boat. The result was shown by a white handkerchief being cautiously shoved out of an opening and cheers greeted it. "They surrender," "Victory," "We have them now," and like cries rang out. Owen O'Donnell, accompanied by two or three of the advisory committee ran down the steep bank to receive the message of peace. The spokesman of the Pinkertons announced that they would surrender on condition that they be protected from the violence of the mob. After a short parley this was agreed to, though a minority of enraged people were howling for the blood of the men who killed their comrades.

As soon as the committee had arranged the preliminaries a hundred or more from the shore climbed upon the boat. A United Press reporter went into the first cabin and there found one dead and eleven wounded Pinkerton men. Asked where they came from, one big fellow, who looked like a tough, said Boston and Chicago had furnished the most of them, but there were some from other places. Not more than a couple of Pittsburg men were in the gang, he said. His experience in the boat was the worst he ever had, though he had been in some warm places. Some of the men, he said, even cried for fear, but none of them expected to get away with whole skins. The steel workers did not let them alone long, but ordered them to hurry out. The first one to leave had his Winchester rifle with him. "Disarm them," cried the mob, and the rifles were then taken away from all, and became the property of the man who took the gun, some of the men saying it was the first time they had ever submitted to such a humiliating surrender. When an inspection of the boats was made it was found that at least seven of the Pinkertons had been killed and twenty or thirty wounded, many of them so badly that they will die. As they were brought from the boat they presented a terrible appearance. Many of them were besmeared with blood, while all of them showed signs of exhaustion from the long confinement in the close quarters between decks.

A TERRIBLE GAUNTLET.

The most shocking and ghastly deeds, however, were committed while the prisoners were being escorted through the streets by the escort appointed by the strikers. An angry mob lined the street. As the men passed, each in charge of two deputies, the mill men clubbed them and threw some of them down. The unfortunate detectives begged for mercy. Some of them had pistol shot wounds in their head and force were seen dangling from their eyes shot out. Several were shot in the shoulders, arms and legs and could scarcely limp along. Blood was running in streams down their slights and they fairly yelled with pain. Fifty thirty injured men were taken to the town hall. One of them had his eyes punched out by an unknown in the hands of a woman. Sand was thrown in their eyes and they were hit by clubs and other missiles. Many were knocked down with clubs, trampled upon and some were too weak to walk when they were started for the town hall. The mill men used the stocks of their rifles mercilessly on the detectives over the head and shoulders inflicting serious and in many cases perhaps fatal wounds.

As the procession reached the Amalgamated association hall the detectives had to remove their hats and salute the flag. When they removed their hats, men and women struck them with umbrellas and sticks and abused them in every way imaginable. There seemed to be a determination to kill the prisoners and it was with great difficulty that the demon-like crowd could be restrained. The men were finally locked in the opera house where they were kept for the night. Great crowds, however, gathered around the building and the wounded men were kept in a constant state of terror and it was long before their wounds could be dressed. They were generally glad, however, that they were not killed. None expected to leave Homestead alive. They claim that they were miserably misled and they came from different towns, were strangers to one another and had been told they were wanted as watchmen. In proof of this each watchman bore a badge with the inscription, "Watchman, Carnegie Steel Company."

Many were dazed in the first absolute terror stricken, fearing a lynching from an immense crowd of people gathered outside. There seems to be little danger of this, however, as they are guarded by fifty of the picked-out men armed with Winchesters.

After the prisoners had been released from the barges the rioters had their revenge. They carried oil into the houses, poured it over the bedding and furniture and then set it on fire, first securing them so that they could not float down the river and cause damage at points below. When the flames broke through the decks, the cheers which rent the air were deafening and the noise could be heard miles away. The hills on either side of the river were literally covered with people who could witness from this high point all that was transpiring on the Monongahela and be out of range of the deadly bullets. The day was one that will be remembered with horror by the people of the borough as well as the citizens of the entire county who for the second time within a week had upon them to pay enormous amounts of money entailed in the shape of riot loss.

A complete list of the killed and wounded was not obtainable at midnight. As far as could be ascertained eleven workmen and nine detectives were killed and eighteen workmen and twenty-one detectives injured in the battle. In addition to these at least one hundred detectives were seriously injured by the strikers while on their way to the mills.

THE PINKERTONS IN PITTSBURG.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 7.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning it was rumored about Homestead that the prisoners were to be taken to Pittsburg on a special train brought up by Sheriff McCleary. About 2:20 President Weihe of the Amalgamated association appeared on the stage of the opera house and ordered the hall cleared of all outsiders. Hugh O'Donnell of the advisory committee took charge and formed the men in ranks. He then informed the waiting crowds that the outrages of this afternoon were cowardly and that when the prisoners were marched to the station they must be protected. His remarks were received with cheers. A few minutes later the procession started for the depot. The wounded brought up the rear, several being carried in chairs, and no demonstration was made on the way to the station. The trip down to Pittsburg was made quietly, but at every station a large crowd was gathered and jeered and booed. Enroute one of the men, Peter Gorman of New York, died, and at Braddock, requiring four men to hold him in his seat, leaving Pittsburg, fifteen wounded men were taken from the train and removed to the West Penn hospital.

THE PITTSBURG SENTIMENT.

PITTSBURG, July 6.—W. E. Kline, one of the Pinkerton men who was shot during the conflict this morning, died at 2:30 o'clock at the Homeopathic hospital. He was about 35 years old. His companions knew nothing about him and it is impossible to learn where his home is. He was shot in the leg during the first battle this morning. The general sentiment of the people as expressed upon the street is that the game for this morning's disembarkance rests entirely with Mr. Frick. He can call upon the county authorities, then took the liberty to bring in his own agents to enforce his wishes. The result was this morning's fatality. The opinion is freely expressed that Mr. Frick should be placed under arrest by the authorities for being the principal cause of the riot, at least held equally responsible with the rioters.

After the Battle.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 7.—Every train coming into Homestead is met at the depot by an immense good-natured crowd. The face of every person alighting from the trains is closely scanned, as the men are fearful lest the owners of the mill may use an attempt to send men to Homestead in squads of three and four instead of in an organized body of two or three hundred. All the approaches to the mill are carefully guarded and no one is permitted to enter the enclosure, even representatives of the press being refused admission to-day.

No trouble of any kind has occurred since yesterday evening when the Pinkertons surrendered. The deputy sheriff McCleary's call for volunteers had been responded to by only a few men became known about noon and the news was received with cheers by the strikers and their friends. But the company makes another effort to gain possession of the works there will be no trouble.

News paper correspondents from all parts of the country have taken possession of the hotels. Men of the Pittsburg dailies, English and German, have from two to ten special men here. The New York World sends the list of outside papers with five correspondents and a special artist. The Herald, Sun, Mail and Express, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Herald, Philadelphia Press and Times, Cleveland Leader and Press and the Baltimore Sun and World have special men on the ground. The Postal and Western Union telegraph companies have extra operators at work rendering excellent service.

Guards were today stationed at Homestead, City farm and Mount Macrum stations to watch for further squads of deputies. The question now is whether or not the mill men will make the same attempt on the county deputies as they did on the Pinkertons. On this subject the men are silent, but it is evident that there is no cessation of the desire held by the men to prevent what they term "intruders" from entering the plant.

Another matter now under discussion is the position to be taken by President Frick. There is not a man here who believes that the chairman of the great Carnegie interests will ever give his consent to engage the services of those who now are idle. There was at one time a probability that the men would be taken back, but it is now conceded positively certain that no man now will be given work. Should Frick and the other officials insist on refusing to take back their old employes it will be a hard blow to Homestead. The majority of the men have families and own the homes in which they live. Then again the importance of the plant and peculiarity of the work is such that it would be difficult for 4000 steel workers to have work and secure work elsewhere.

Governor Pattison is the most likely man in Homestead to-day. By his refusal to call out the militia the workmen are more than pleased. When the Pinkerton men of here at 12:30 a. m. the workmen afforded them all protection and the mill committees want the public to understand that the promise of protection to the men was adhered to.

A Compromise Possible.

PITTSBURG, July 7.—The conference between the iron workers, and the wage workers of the Amalgamated association met here today. The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock, until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. At the adjournment this evening prospects for a settlement were more favorable than at any time since negotiations were opened. It was earned that certain parts of the scale of which the manufacturers made objections were presented and a number of items were favorably considered by the Amalgamated association but were not finally approved at the meeting.

It is stated on reliable authority that the differences will very likely be compromised by a scaling down of the wages of shearers and rollers as a concession on the part of the workers and the payment of the $5.50 a ton for puddling, a concession on the part of the manufacturers. It has been claimed for years that rollers and shearers have been receiving wages too high in proportion to other iron workers, the maintenance of which has been at many times the bone of serious contention between the manufacturers and their employees.

Surprised Anarchists.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 7.—About 10 o'clock to-night the headquarters of the Homestead men were invaded by three men who mingled among a good sized crowd in the rooms and distributed an incendiary circular, evidently prepared by the anarchistic societies of Pittsburg or perhaps Chicago. The anarchists met with the greatest surprise of their lives. The strikers, so far from falling into the arms of the emissaries of destruction and dynamite, at once took them prisoners and prepared to hustle them out of town. They would probably have taken some sore bones along with them and not two of them succeeded in partially establishing that they were from Pittsburg and knew one or two men among the strikers. They were led away to the lockup to wait until a train came to take them away and a large crowd followed them.

Missing Pinkertons.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 7.—The Homestead workmen are puzzled as to the whereabouts of at least five Pinkerton men. It is considered a certainty that this number either met death instantly or were so badly injured that they died in a few hours and in all probability sought a grave in the waters of the Monongahela. It is certain that two deputies were drowned, but although a diligent search has been made along the river shore no trace of them can be found.

The Damage Done.

PITTSBURG, July 7.—The exact damage to property at Homestead has not been ascertained. The two barges that were burned by the strikers belonged to James H. Pears. The barges were considered worth from $2,000 to $3,000 each. Considerable money was spent in fitting them up. The barges were lined with steel iron which was an exceedingly fortunate thing for the men that were confined in them. In the two barges with their contents, outside of the Winchester rifles and ammunition, were worth at least $8,000 and possibly more. The Winchesters were the property of the Pinkerton Detective agency and were shipped to Pittsburg from New York some days ago to the Union Supply company, one of H. C. Frick's country concerns. There were 300 men, each of which was supplied a uniform, which he was to adopt on entering the works. There were 300 rifles on, and the impression is that it was the intention to have that number of men on board.

Mr. Carnegie's Movements.

LONDON, July 7.—A correspondent of the United Press has been trying Mr. Andrew Carnegie since yesterday with the object of getting his views about the struggle at Homestead. Mr. Carnegie was found at length this afternoon at Braemar in Aberdeenshire. He appeared to be in excellent health, but was evidently laboring under great agitation, so much so that Mrs. Carnegie, who was present, was endeavoring to soothe him and to draw his thoughts away from the tragic affair at Homestead. Mr. Carnegie positively declined making any statement whatever. He has written the last day or two sent and received numerous despatches by cable, and whatever may be said in America there is no doubt that Mr. Carnegie is sedulously informed of events on the Monongahela. The news of the sanguinary struggle at Homestead has aroused deep feeling in England and Scotland and has considerably abated the esteem among the working classes for Mr. Carnegie.

PUSSON IN KANSAS.

The People's Party and Democrats Together Expect Victory.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 6.—The state Democratic convention for the nomination of electors, congressmen at large, and a full state ticket, met in the state house at 10 o'clock this morning. The convention was called to order by Chairman W. Jones of the state central committee who introduced the Hon. Tulley Scott of Oberlin as temporary chairman who made a few remarks.

The chairman called for the nomination of ten electors. Hon. Judge Martin of Topeka took the floor and after a short talk introduced a resolution naming the ten electors nominated by the People's party at Wichita, Kan., in June, as the choice of the Democratic convention for their electors. The resolution was put to a vote and carried, 401 voting for and 89 against, and the first part of the fusion programme had been carried out.

Over the indorsement of the People's party state ticket the fight came. Everybody wanted to talk and everybody did, and for a while confusion reigned supreme. The talk on the indorsement of the state ticket commenced at 3 o'clock and was one continuous wrangle until 7:30 p. m. when the convention took a recess until 9 p. m.

Judge John Martin of Topeka in offering the resolution for the endorsement of the People's party state ticket made a strong plea for fusion. He said it was nothing short of madness for the Democratic party to turn its back on victory when it was within its grasp. He predicted that with fusion the Peoples' party would carry the state by 40,000.

At 11:10 p. m. Judge Martin finished his address, and the house sent up a great cheering. Roll call was then ordered on the resolution to endorse the fusion ticket and resulted—227 for and 276 against. The motion was declared carried amid great cheering, and the full programme of the fusion element of the convention had been carried out. The action of the Democratic convention today without a question of a doubt takes this state out of the hands of the Republican party. At the election in 1890 the Republicans cast 115,025, the People's party 106,972, the Democrats 7,337, and the Prohibition party 250.

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CAMP NEWS.

Telegraphed Items of General Interest from Cripple Creek.

Special to THE GAZETTE.

FREMONT, July 7.—The Cripple Creek Placer company have received the machinery for their new stamp mills.

The excitement created yesterday by the discovery of a rich vein on the town lot owned by Judge Hayes and Mr. Bentley continues unabated. Three shifts of men have been placed at work and six assays are stated to have ranged between $20 and $250 to the ton. The course of the vein continues southwesterly into the town site, which is deeded land, and the question whether owners of lots can hold all minerals found on them is likely to be raised, if, as is stated, the lead has been located 1500 feet through the Carr and Eaton placer adjoining.

The receipts of the Hayden toll road are said to average $50 a day.

The discharge of explosives on Monday and Tuesday appears to have brought down rain which has fallen very heavily for twelve hours without intermission, since 10 this morning and still continues.

Hon. A. T. Perrier has been appointed city attorney for the upper town.

A CONTEST.

A Prior Location Claimed on the Townsite Lode at Cripple Creek.

Special to THE GAZETTE.

FREMONT, Colo., July 7.—Midnight—Messrs. Donnelly and Tutt of this town contest the right of Judge Hayes to the big strike reported yesterday. Mr. Tutt claims that they uncovered the same lead on the placer, north of the town, but were driven from the premises on the 5th; that they then went on the deeded land, bought three lots directly east of the sight of the discovery and started digging to uncover the lead. Messrs. Hayes and Bentley then put men to work on their lot and uncovered the lead first, but Messrs. Donnelly and Tutt are confident that their prior location will hold good against this. It is claimed that no mineral was discovered by Messrs. Donnelly and Tutt. As the matter stands the owners are Geo. W. Carr, W. E. Eaton, Judge Hayes and Geo. A. Bentley, each holding a fourth interest. Sixty thousand dollars is stated to have been refused for the claim which has attracted a curious crowd since daylight.

Republican National Executive Committee

NEW YORK, July 9.—W. J. Campbell, chairman and E. Carter, secretary of the Republican national committee gave out to-night the names of the national executive committee in whose charge the fortunes of the Republican party have been placed during the present campaign. They are as follows: J. S. Clarkson, Iowa; Garret A. Hobart, New Jersey; Samuel Fessenden, Connecticut; Henry C. Payne, Wisconsin; Richard C. Kerins, Missouri; William O. Bradley, Kentucky; William A. Sutherland, New York; Jos. Manley, Maine, and John Tanner, Illinois.

A conference of the members present in the city consisting of Messrs. Clarkson, Fessenden, Campbell and Carter was held during the forenoon at the Imperial hotel. The present officers of the committee ex-officio are: Chairman, W. J. Campbell of Illinois; secretary, E. H. Carter of Montana; vice chairman, W. H. DeYoung of California; treasurer, Cornelius N. Bliss of New York. The committee will hold their first meeting, at which a chairman in place of Mr. Campbell will be chosen, about one week from Saturday, due notice of which will be sent out.

World's Fair Board of Control.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The board of control of the World's Fair assembled in Washington to-day and will remain several days. Their purpose is to discuss the World's Fair appropriation bill, now a part of the sundry civil bill, and to aid, so far as they can, in facilitating the passage of the measure. Incidentally other matters of interest and importance in connection with the fair will be considered. There are present President Palmer of Michigan, Secretary Dickinson of Texas, Messrs. St. Clair of West Virginia, Martindale of Illinois, Weaver of Connecticut, Lannon of Utah, alternate for De Young of California; Saunders of Mississippi, alternate for Lindsay of Kentucky; Grover of Virginia, alternate for Massey of Delaware. Mr. Gordon W. Allen, commissioner from New York is also present and in attendance upon the meetings of the board, although not a member. This afternoon the members of the board visited the capitol and were in conference with the committee of the house and senate and others interested in the passage of the appropriation bill.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

As the Most Rev. Eugene Conway, bishop of Kilmalla, was driving in the direction of Ceossmolina, Ireland, a woman rushed out of a cottage by the roadside and threw a pail of slops into his face.

Speaker Crisp has received a telegram from Corcoran, Ga., announcing his renomination for congress by acclamation.

WEAVER.

The Old Greenback Candidate Renominated at Omaha.

FIELDS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Is the Candidate for Second Place—Gresham Positively Refused at the Last Minute—A Long Winded Platform.

OMAHA, Neb., June 2.—The extensive preparations made by the Democrats at the wigwam in Chicago and by the Republicans at Minneapolis are conspicuous by their absence from the Coliseum at Omaha, the gathering place of the representatives of the industrial reform party. Nevertheless the building presented a gay and sprightly appearance as the delegates began to assemble, as the hour of meeting approaches. An exuberance of enthusiasm was added to the sprightliness which could not be exceeded if the hall could contain one hundred thousand instead of one-tenth of that number. The hall has been arranged in tier with a number of booths which prevented anything approaching confusion. Flags and bannerettes floated from every pillar and area and a slight display of evergreens and something in the nature of trimmings, arches, not the less inviting because of their scareness, added a breath of freshness while the numerous devices emblematic of the party's principles were not less welcome to the delegates from the artistic character of design than from the sentiment of unity they expressed. The day helped not a little to add spirit to the gathering. The sun shone in through numerous windows with which the Coliseum is provided, adding its influence to the inspiring scene.

There was a halt as Chairman Taubeneck of the national committee stepped to the front and, when he announced that the first national convention of the People's party was convened in regular session, there was a burst of applause.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. Dillerbacker, chaplain of the last Nebraska legislature, and a well known alliance man.

"The next thing in order," said Chairman Taubeneck, "will be an address of welcome by Hon. George P. Bemis, mayor of the city of Omaha." Hon. Ben Terrell, of Texas, on behalf of the convention responded to the address of welcome of Mayor Bemis. At the conclusion of the remarks of Benjamin Terrill of Texas, which were received with the greatest enthusiasm, Chairman Ellington was introduced and spoke for some time. At the conclusion of his speech Mrs. Todd of Michigan, stepped to the front of the platform to present Chairman Ellington with a gavel, to which she explained in words of fervor and history attached. The gavel was carved, she said, by the wife of Ben Terrill. It was carved from a tree planted by Washington at Mt. Vernon, announcement which was received with an enthusiastic chorus of cheers. With the presentation she recalled some patriotic incidents of the past such as the gathering of the small body of mechanics and farmers determined to break the shackles of British tyranny and these incidents gave rise to the greatest outbursts of enthusiasm of the day. At the conclusion of this incident the chairman ordered the roll of states called and various states to report their members of the committee on credentials. When rapping for order he had occasion to make use of the gavel just presented him. With the first rap it fell to pieces, the handle flying off the handle rolled down to the foot of the stage. There was a little burst of laughter, but the convention was too reverent to indulge in general merriment.

After the announcement of its membership the committee on credentials was requested to meet immediately after adjournment in order that its report might be facilitated. A brief discussion took place as to the time of adjournment, but it was decided to announce some of the committees before taking recess. During the call for members of these committees a delegate paraded the hall with a banner bearing the following inscription:

"Volunteer State of Tennessee; the Blue and Gray. People's Party, 80,000 Votes for the Ticket."

The appearance of the banner provoked loud cheers. The convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

OMAHA, July 4.—Chairman Ellington was prompt in calling the convention to order this morning, although scarcely 100 delegates were present at eight o'clock. Rev. William McCready, of South Dakota, made the opening prayer.

From the committee on credentials came the report that the 1200 delegates had filed their credentials and that there were no contests. The report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted with a yell, making Mr. Loucks, of South Dakota, chairman, and Mr. Hayes, of New Jersey, permanent secretary. Chairman Loucks made a very brief address, none of the committees being ready to report, General Armstrong was given the floor.

A few remarks were made by Mrs. Emory, of Michigan, and N. V. Reis, of Oregon, presented a gavel on behalf of that state. The committee on rules were in favor limiting nominating speeches to five minutes and if a nomination was not made on the first ballot, to strike out all but the two leading candidates. Both propositions were defeated.

At 12 o'clock a recess was taken until 2 o'clock to wait for the platform. At the afternoon session the platform committee asked for more time but a resolution was put forth calling for the preamble. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the St. Louis platform and proceed to the nomination of candidates, but it was defeated. This was thought to be an effort of the Weaver men to force a vote as against the Gresham men. Further debate was stopped by the entrance of the platform committee.

The platform was adopted by acclamation. The scene that followed the adoption of the platform was without question, especially in view of its spontaneity, the most remarkable demonstration ever witnessed in a political convention in this country. Its duration was within a few seconds of thirty minutes. The most dramatic event, however, was when Mr. Taubeneck announced: "I have just received a telegram from Dr. Houser of Louisville that I wish you to hear. That you may understand the authority that attaches to it I will say that Dr. Houser is the present candidate for lieutenant governor on the People's party ticket in that state. The telegram is as follows:

"I have just seen Gresham. Unanimous he will accept."

For fifteen minutes more the scene was indescribable and the convention was utterly beyond the control of the chair.

The convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

It was half past eight when the third session of the convention was called to order. On the planks regarding a free coin, a southern delegate in the rear of the hall moved that it be returned by a large majority, and the reading was resumed.

Hearty applause was given the resolutions regarding the standing armies. When the reading was finished Chairman Loucks put the motion on the report, although a number of delegates demanded to be heard. Quiet was secured by Hugh Cavanaugh, of the executive board of the Knights of Labor, who reported this resolution in behalf of the committee.

"Resolved, that this convention sympathizes with the Knights of Labor in their righteous contest with the tyrannical combine of cotton manufacturers of Rochester, and declares it to be the duty of all those who love liberty and opposition to refuse to purchase the goods made by the said manufacturers or refuse to patronize any merchant who sells such goods."

Several delegates objected, while Ignatius Donnell came to the rescue.

It was 9:10 when the regular order of business, that of calling the roll of states for the nomination of candidates for the presidency, was reached. When Alabama was called, C. C. Manning of that state, in a speech that was very imperfectly understood, owing to his distance from the platform, named Geo. B. Weaver of Iowa.

Colorado then yielded her privilege to Col. S. F. Norton of Illinois. He said that his candidate had already won his spurs, he loomed up like a giant. He belonged to no faction. Everybody could vote for him, no one could say an unfriendly word against him. Let the old guard hold the fort and let the new guard carry the banner. He was a man so great that no shadow of an ancestor could hide him from view; whose brains were not measured by the size of his waist. (Great laughter and applause.) In a twenty minute speech, repeatedly interrupted by cries of "time," he nominated in behalf of a portion of the Illinois delegation Senator Kyle of Dakota.

At 10:40 only eleven states had been called and fourteen speeches had been made. T. H. Maugherman of Indiana seconded Weaver and T. E. Vincent of the same state supported Kyle, while another delegate from the outside proved that all his associates would vote for Vanwick. In behalf of the grand women in the nation who had defended their homes and children of the toilers of the nation, Mrs. Leise of Kansas supported Weaver.

At 11:10 a motion to cut down the speeches to five minutes was carried after considerable objection.

When Michigan was called F. S. Partridge supported Weaver. E. W. Fish of Minnesota deplored the fact that Donnelly would not allow his name to be presented.

Kyle's nomination was seconded by a delegate from Ohio.

Midnight was reached while Martin of Texas was talking for Weaver and so the flow of oratory continued.

At midnight Professor Vincent of Indianapolis announced that Indiana would go solid for Weaver. Mississippi followed suit.

Georgia withdrew Paige and moved that Weaver's nomination be made by acclamation, but a number of the delegates were loud in their protests of disapproval and the roll call went on. Virginia endorsed Weaver, South Dakota changed from Kyle to Weaver. Wisconsin was reached at 12:15 and Robert Schilling seconded Kyle, saying that Weaver's former greenback affiliations would severely injure the movement. At 12:20 Oklahoma fell on the ticket, was reached.

The nomination of Weaver was made unanimous at 12:55 a. m. and the delegates arose to their feet and gave three cheers.

A Texas delegate moved an adjournment until 8:30, but the chairman ordered the call of the nomination of vice president. The weary round of five-minute speeches was resumed, with Alabama delegates naming Ben Terrell of Texas.

Mr. Fields of West Virginia was nominated on the first ballot for vice president and the convention adjourned sine die at 3:25 a. m.

THE PLATFORM.

A Long Preamble, a Few Planks and a Lengthy Postscript.

Assembled on the anniversary of the birthday of nation and filled with the spirit of the grand generation who established our independence, we seek to restore the government of the republic to the hands of "the plain people," with which class it originated. We assert our purposes to be identical with the purposes of the national constitution: "To form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity."

We declare that this government, while built up on the love of the white people for their children, has become a government of class, class legislation, class taxation and class disfranchisement to the point that the wealth producers, upon whose industry all else depends, are now the political vassals of the class for whose benefit the government exists.

We declare that the two great political parties are the creatures of the class government, and are controlled by it through the patronage at its command, and by the fear of its displeasure or by the hope of its favor.

We declare that the Democratic party, which in the days of its purity and strength, when it was the party of the people, resisted the encroachments of the slave power, has been so weakened by the class influence that it has become the party of slavery, and that the Republican party, which was the party of the people when it rescued the nation from the control of the slave power, and which then promised to be the party of the people forever, has become the party of class and has proved false to the hopes of the people

SEE SPREADER.

Colorado Springs Has a Rousing Fourth of July.

DORCHESTER PARK OPENED.

Colorado Springs Properly Observes the Nation's Birthday and Formally Opens a New Park—Hon. H. H. Eddy the Orator of the Day.

The eagle screamed in Colorado Springs yesterday. Almost for the first time in the history of the city, Colorado Springs yesterday indulged in a good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. It is said that in the early history of the place there were occasional attempts at celebrating the day, but not much is remembered of them. In 1887 the fire department had those races, but up to yesterday there has never in late years been much attempt at celebrating. The reasons for this are not that our people are lacking in patriotism. With most cities there are large agricultural districts to draw from, crowds come to town to spend their money and have little else to do but participate in the exercises. Here it is different, as the business men have no inducement outside of patriotism to put up the money, and crowds drawn from the outside always strike for the mountains. Our own people also usually prefer a holiday in the mountains to one in town. Yesterday was an exception, however. Sunday evening was as quiet and decorous as one would wish to see until, after midnight, when of a sudden it seemed as if the whole town had turned loose to usher in the glorious day. On every hand was heard the loud explosions of the cannon crackers, while one party tried itself by exploding sticks of giant powder in the parks. The din continued until daylight when the youngsters got up to add their mite in the way of crackers.

At an early hour crowds began to gather on the streets, and these were still further augmented when trains from Denver and Pueblo arrived. All day long and until a late hour at night the streets were full of people, and the demand on the street cars was almost larger than could be met.

Besides the entertainments in this city there were concerts at the Casino, dancing at Cheyenne canon and numerous other attractions. Nearly all the resorts were well patronized during the day.

DORCHESTER PARK EXERCISES.

The parade, which was to commence the regular exercises of the day, began to be formed on South Tejon street at the Alamo park at about 8:30 and was ready to march at 9. Meanwhile young America was busy making as much noise as was possible with the red coated explosives.

The parade was headed by a platoon of police, under command of Captain Gathright, who, with their handsome bouquets of flowers, presented a fine appearance. Then came the Centennial State band, which dispersed patriotic airs as they marched. Troop A came next with a turnout of thirty men, and formed an imposing part of the line. Next came the carriage in which rode Mayor Sprague, Hon. H. H. Eddy and Rev. L. E. Warner. After them were a long line of school boys, with canes and firecrackers, who did their part to make the proceedings as live as possible. After the boys came a number of carriages containing citizens and visitors bound for the park. The line of march was as follows: South on Tejon to Vermijo, east on Vermijo to Nevada avenue, south on Nevada avenue to Dorchester park.

Arrived at the park, the parade was dismissed and the people dispersed throughout the grove while the band mounted a stand which had been erected for them, and sent forth enlivening strains of music. The park has been nicely levelled off and several of the old buildings removed and several hydrants have been placed within its limits. Near the center of the park a large bed of flowers has been set out, the gift of Mr. William Clark, the florist. The grove is near the center of the park, and here it was that the principal exercises of the day took place. The speaker's platform had been erected under a group of large trees and all around were benches and chairs which were quickly filled by the large crowd, which every new arrival car augmented. The Rapid Transit company ran special electric trains to the grounds and each train was loaded. It is estimated that by the time the exercises commenced there were 2000 people in the park. On the speakers' platform were Mayor Sprague, Hon. H. H. Eddy, the speaker of the day; the Rev. J. S. Gregg, Rev. L. E. Wyatt, Rev. L. E. Warner and Mr. E. A. Bisbey.

Mayor Sprague called the assemblage to order at 10:15 and stated that the park was not finished as it was hoped that it might have been, but still it was a great improvement on its former condition. There was yet $1,500 due on the grounds, he said, and hoped that a considerable amount of money might be raised there and then. He had made a number of badges of ribbons of the national colors and he hoped that everyone present would subscribe a dollar towards the indebtedness on the land, and receive a badge and free lemonade. A great many of the badges were sold.

The mayor then introduced the Rev. Dr. Gregg of this city who made an eloquent prayer in opening the exercises of the programme.

The band next played a selection, after which Rev. L. E. Gay read in a clear voice the Declaration of Independence. Mayor Sprague then said he did not wish to beg any more subscriptions to the park fund, and he offered to pay $1,000 from his personal resources and see that the park property was properly secured to the city, if the citizens would subscribe the remaining $500 within ten days. Hon. H. H. Eddy was then introduced, and spoke as follows:

I give you a century-honored toast: "The Day We Celebrate."

You have thought, there should be more than celebration: There should be commemoration. This day, sixty-five millions of people commemorate the sublime courage of three millions. This day, 117 years ago, marked the beginning of an epoch. Upon that day, action was and that in its far-reaching influence has been second only to the birth of a Savior.

"The Day We Celebrate." In all the calendar of the world's holidays; of its memorial days; of its festival days, there is none so unlike every other, none so full of character, as this one. Upon this day, a heterogeneous and unsystematized people, few in numbers and borne down with poverty, broke asunder the ill-wrought and neglected bonds that tied them to a mother country.

I am one of those sufficiently old-fashioned to believe that upon this day, we can with both pleasure and profit, glancing over the pages of our history, review those achievements which strengthen our love of country, and cause our hearts to swell with pride at the thought that we are individually and collectively the uncrowned sovereigns of this republic. I can even recognize much beauty and power in the spread-eagleism of days that are gone by. I do not believe that much good can come out of that sentiment which inspires one with pessimistic ideas. Of the two I would much prefer that homely optimism of forty years ago, when every American was sensitive of and almost resented criticism from abroad, to that pessimism too prevalent to-day, which seems to welcome criticism even to the point of ridicule; affects to believe nothing good in our institutions, in our customs, habits or manners; predicts the decay of our form of government, and with a sickening servility, apes the manners, customs and habits of the foreigner.

There was much to admire in the Fourth of July orator of long ago. He was always patriotic if not a grammarian; always earnest if not altogether honest; and even his exaggerations were so mellowed by his lively imagination, so much like children of his enthusiasm, that his audience could not help going with him; and when his hammering and sawing of the air was done, he left them with a warmer feeling and a greater love of country enclosing their hearts and pulsating through their veins than when he began.

No little of the valor shown upon land and sea by American youth and manhood has been tutored and inspired by this same long-time-ago orator.

I have said that this day was unlike any other in the world's holidays; unlike any other day, because it commemorates the fact that in all the world and in all recorded time no other government founded upon the will of the people has ever sprung into existence as did this one of ours.

This happened: Not driven on by the impetuosity of their nature, for they were not impetuous, a conservative people, after years of earnest, but unsuccessful efforts at conciliation, deliberately counting the cost, possessed of but little else than the justness of their cause and their faith in an all-wise God, threw down the gauntlet, with fraternal war as the gage to the most powerful nation on earth.

After many abortive attempts in the past looking to a free and popular government, it was left to an Anglo-Saxon people, a people of hard heads, valiant hearts and strong arms, driven from the land of their birth and love by the unrelenting force of religious persecution, to frame and put in motion, a scheme of government, where man without class, without caste, was recognized as the equal of man, by a right that was all his own, inherent and inalienable, except by his own wrong doing. This form of government, thus given to us, with, with more or less of modification, we cannot but believe, come to be recognized by all the world as the only true form. The action of the English colonists, focused in the Declaration of Independence, and established by the war of the Revolution, was a logical deduction from events, and was just as inevitable when the compact was signed in the cabin of the May Flower, as it was 156 years after, when the supreme moment had arrived.

Looking back through the intervening years, what a scene in its simplicity was enacted in the cabin of the May Flower. Certain great events, isolated, scattered, all the way down the corridors of time, incedibly graven upon the tablets of history, and not deemed especially remarkable at their happening, stand out in after years like some "bright particular star!" Of such, illuminating the past, brightening the future, and often changing the course of human life, was the birth of Socrates, and the development of later Grecian philosophy; the rise of Rome, its fall, and the dismemberment of a vast empire; the birth of the beautiful child in the manger at Bethlehem; the preaching of the Crusades by the eloquent hermit, which resulted with flooding with light the darkness of the middle ages; Magna Charta, that charter of English liberty, wrung from the hands of a tyrant, and which made of a king a vassal, of a monarch, a rebel; the invention of the printing press; to be almost immediately followed by the discovery of a continent by the roving Genoese sailor; the bursting asunder by Martin Luther of the iron bands, which under the pressure of the church, were sinking into and driving to frenzy the brain of the world; the landing of the expatriated pilgrims; the Declaration of Independence, the supremest act of the eighteenth century, which with pain and endurance, gave birth to this highest exponent of human liberty.

Perhaps there is no event in all civil history, at once so simple, so patriotic and yet so powerful, in its after influence, as the voyage of the May Flower, freighted with her 102 passengers, and the future of a new world. A little band of God-fearing men and women, driven from the land of their birth, and born from all their home associations by a persecution the most bitter and malignant, because of differences with established church and the consequent impossibility of worshipping God in their own way and in their own home. After a tempestuous voyage of sixty-three days, during which there had been one death and one birth, these people signed the new and Bancroft, in his quaint way has said, "Men who emigrate even in well-inhabited districts, pray that their journey may not be in winter."

Our voyagers arrived at their destination under a far-away sun of a December day—there was snow upon the ground and frost in the air. It was impossible to land without much wading, and there the seeds of fatal consumption were sown. Before landing, these severe and upright men, inspired with perseverance, a courage and a faith, taught by transmission, has changed a wilderness inhabited only by savages, into a civilized nation perhaps the most powerful, certainly the freest and most progressive of the world, assembled in the cabin of their little vessel, and after invoking the blessing of Almighty God, entered into and signed the following compact:

"In the name of God, Amen; we whose names are underwritten, loyal subjects of our dread sovereign, King James, having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid, and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices from time to time as shall be thought most convenient for the general good of the colony. Under which we promise all due submission and obedience."

Here we have the corner stone of American institutions, America's first constitution; in this little cabin was kindled the fires fire upon the altar of American liberty, which these forty-two covenanters through their descendants have kept burning bright and clear ever since. How pregnant with events were these moments, and yet to the called actors, seeming as little more than the common occurrence of a passing day; a solemn act and a solemn day indeed, for all the days and all the acts of the lives of our Puritan ancestors were solemn.

Thirteen years before this event, the first settlement had been made in Virginia, at Jamestown. Of this colony, the historian records that there were "forty-eight gentlemen to four carpenters." Make the comparison. There were no men with families. They brought with them none of the dearer relations of life, and only such free ones as was theirs in England. They had no aspirations beyond adventure, novelty and gain. They sought a genial climate and brought with them established institutions and established church. They looked longingly back to their home beyond the sea, and longed to return with replenished coffers. Many from choice or by reason of disappointment, remained, and afterwards became ancestors to a generous and splendid manhood. There were men of courage and intellect among them, and a new world, a new life and fresh air wafted from the north, developed a high aspiration for freedom, that has matured and blossomed to their remotest descendants.

These have done much to give polish and lustre to American life and history. But these others, these expatriated men and women, these, whose sons were trained by the severest discipline and tried by pain and exposure, have bequeathed, with a certain grim determination stamped upon every feature, made plain in their thoughts and movements, and woven into their every garment, and yet they were gentle with all, as they wader through a freezing water, and sought shelter under the trees near with the snows of a northern climate, closed upward and beyond with a calm trustfulness in their God and in their future, while their lips trembled with prayer. How they shivered, how they suffered, these half frozen women and little children, as they drew to their first fires. How the stern hearts of the on-looking men must have ached. What sublime courage must have sounded place in their breasts, else the Mayflower would have returned as heavily freighted as she came. It was of these that were fashioned the instruments that by God's wisdom were to first establish and then mould into a harmonious whole, the best government on earth. They were to make possible the sacred utterances of a saintly martyr, a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." These, their blood warm but not hot, generous but not plethoric, their courage born of an absolute faith in the justness of their cause, their frames fashioned after a noble pattern, muscle and sinew hardened by contact with labor, to a steely hardness and fineness, have more than all other people, given shape and color to our institutions; has shown heart, brain and genius to our people have none more than all others to create a great and prosperous nation out of a wilderness and from a mighty continent.

During all the years that have intervened since that group of serious minded men started the world by the audacity of their defiance, at the same time winning its high regard for the clearly defined strength of their position, we have traversed, generation by generation, along the highway of progress.

Each of these generations has had its problem to solve. Each as they succeeded, have encountered days that were dark, days that were foreboding. We may congratulate ourselves however, that during all this time, while our people have manfully met and overcome the difficult and perplexing problems peculiar to themselves, and incidental to their form of government, that never at the same time borne their full share of the world's burdens, taken their part in all the wonderful discoveries made, and advancements had, along all the lines of human thought and human action.

We have given to the world names, time symbolic of lives, well rounded and full to the greatest good to all human kind, shine with the brightest in the world's galaxy of men grand and great. Our courage has been proven upon land and upon sea.

In the field of mechanics, the inventive genius of the people has at an early hour, led the world.

In the sciences, in literature, in the arts, in politics our achievements have been wonderful, and have been so recognized everywhere and in all climes.

Washington, Lincoln, Grant. If we had given to the world no other names than these, we might with consistency rest upon our laurels.

This should be to us a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. With sincere regrets for the dark pages of our history, we should rejoice in the bright ones, because they have stood out as beacon lights, shedding their rays upon struggling men and women everywhere.

We should rejoice in our strength, that we have become a power for good. We have to be thankful for the fact that the founders of the great American republic were in the beginning a people resourceful, simple in habit and enterprising; that a continent unexplored and immeasurably rich in resources, lay before them that conquest of earth rather than that of mind, was the chief incentive to their endeavor.

We may be thankful that our isolation has removed us from the broils and complications of another civilization; that we have been compelled to rely upon ourselves and cultivate an independency that has given to us a place in the world's affairs like unto that occupied by no other people.

It is well that upon this day we should engage in retrospection; that we should recall those who have aided our foundations and made our history, those whose deeds have shed honor, age whose very blood has given power and glory to our flag, at once the simplest and most beautiful national emblem of our continents.

It is well that we should recount again the splendid deeds and achievements of all those in whomsoever walk of life who have contributed to our present grandeur.

It is well that we should upon this day renew our pledges of loyalty and devotion to the Union.

But we should not only regard the past with love and gratitude; we should as well look to the future with hope and aspiration. Unless all signs fail, we are just entering upon the solution of one of the gravest problems that civilization has ever presented to the human mind.

The city, the state, the nation, are each presenting problems at once interesting and ominous, upon the solution of which depends their well-being, and even respect to the last, possibly the safety, its perpetuity.

Above the horizon of our social and political life, looms a storm, portentous in its magnitude and destructive in its character. It is a conflict between vast accumulations of capital, and the many toiling millions.

Relying upon the calm, even temperament of the American people and the conservative disposition of their minds, I believe most profoundly that this great question, overshadowing as it does, all others, will be wrought out to a solution satisfactory and beneficial to all, along the lines of legislation.

But in order to avoid the terrible results of anarchy, the direst of all national disasters, great wisdom and profound thought must be given to its adjustment and settlement.

To this question as well as to the many other and important ones confronting us, we must bring our best trained minds, and draw upon our every resource.

Are we as a people sufficiently rare now in this regard? I fear not. I aim at this only to point out one weak point in our political armor, and suggest a remedy simple but effective.

I will ask you this question. Are the young men of to-day receiving sufficient encouragement from the American people to seek a public career? On the contrary, is the subject not being treated in such a way as to produce the opposite result?

A great evil lives within our body politic. It is corruption of the franchise. But there is yet a greater evil. It is the indifference, a most universal, and without discrimination, thrown upon those who assume the duties of public servants.

But there is still another, and I believe the greatest of all these, and that is the growing indifference with which the business man, the professional man, the man of affluence, the man of leisure and culture, is getting to look upon politics, from the question, as mere spectators, as if they themselves were not interested. It is not so much that we have too many politicians, as that the individual citizen is generally speaking, too little a politician.

Never serious danger threatens our form of government, it will come through the neglect of its citizens.

We may talk, write, theorize about civil service reform. We may grow eloquent or sarcastic with regard to it. We may learn to look upon it as so serious a question, that a government may prosper or fail according as we treat it. Be re-assured, the government will not be materially affected either way.

If our civil service be bad, the cure must be applied to the roots and not to the branches.

Civil service is but the method of conducting in a successful way the machinery of government. More than that, those who fill these subordinate positions, are the machinery.

Are these the live, thinking, directing parts? If not, whence come these? Not from civil service, nor from any other method or invention of man. They come from the heart of the people, and are driven on by its impulses. It is through these impulses, by means of these men, their agents, that the people connect themselves with government, make of themselves government, become in fact, the government.

If men are interested, active in municipal affairs, then our towns will be made to feel by those in office, and the result will be honest effort at good government.

Indifference in the voter will naturally breed indifference with all its consequent evils in the elected.

Which would be the best sign for the future: that our young men should take a thoughtful, active interest in public affairs, should cherish ambition, an honorable striving for place and fame, or that they should be indifferent to these, learn to look upon as a fact to believe that activity in politics, that honorable political ambition, are disreputable?

There can be but one choice,—and we should accept—the latter is the prevailing sign.

Every year there are being graduated from our schools and colleges, hundreds of young men, prepared in a certain degree to undertake a life work, with a choice between joining the great army of idlers or entering upon some useful employment.

The great majority of these men, seen and felt the high impulse, are anxious to prove themselves of use to the world. The outlook is not encouraging to a young man who is ambitious, and who desires to be of service to his country. Year after year, he sees the offices filled by men who have been active in the political work of their respective localities, men who have served their country in the war, men who have served their party in the political campaign, men who have served their country in the war, men who have served their country in the political campaign, men who have served their country in the political campaign, men who have served their country in the political campaign